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The SPECTATOR.

Floriferis ut apes in ſaltibus omnia libant. Lucr.

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WHEN I have publiſhed any ſingle Paper that falls in with the Popular Taſte, and pleaſes more than ordinary, it always brings me in a great return of Letters. My *Tueſday*'s Diſcourſe, wherein I gave ſeveral Admonitions to the Fraternity of the *Henpeck'd*, has already produced me very many Correſpondents; the Reaſon I cannot gueſs at, unleſs it be that ſuch a Diſcourſe is of general Uſe, and every married Man's Money. An honeſt Tradeſman, who dates his Letter from *Cheapſide*, ſends me Thanks in the Name of a Club, who, he tells me, meet as often as their Wives will give them leave, and ſtay together till they are ſent for home. He informs me, that my Paper has adminiſtered great Conſolation to their whole Club, and deſires me to give ſome further Account of *Socrates*, and to acquaint them in whoſe Reign he lived, whether he was a Citizen or a Courtier, whether he buried *Xantippe*, with many other particulars: for that by his Sayings he appears to have been a very Wiſe Man and a good Chriſtian. Another, who writes himſelf *Benjamin Bamboo*, tells me, that being coupled with a Shrew, he had endeavoured to tame her by ſuch lawful Means as thoſe which I mentioned in my laſt *Tueſday*'s Paper, and that in his Wrath he had often gone further than *Bracton* allows in thoſe Caſes; but that for the future he was reſolved to bear it like a Man of Temper and Learning, and conſider her only as one who lives in his Houſe to teach him Philoſophy. *Tom Dapperwit* ſays, that he agrees with me in that whole Diſcourſe, excepting only the laſt Sentence, where I affirm the married State to be either an Heaven or an Hell. *Tom* has been at the Charge of a Penny upon this occaſion, to tell me that by his Experience it is neither one nor the other, but rather that middle kind of State commonly known by the Name of *Purgatory*.

The fair Sex have likewiſe obliged me with their Reflections upon the ſame Diſcourſe. A Lady, who calls her ſelf *Euterpe*, and ſeems a Woman of Letters, aſks me whether I am for eſtabliſhing the *Salick* Law in every Family, and why it is not fit that a Woman who has Diſcretion and Learning ſhould ſit at the Helm, when the Husband is weak and illiterate? Another, of a quite contrary Character, ſubſcribes her ſelf *Xantippe*, and tells me, that ſhe follows the Example of her Name-ſake, for being married to a Bookiſh Man, who has no Knowledge of the World, ſhe is forced to take their Affairs into her own Hands, and to ſpirit him up now and then, that he may not grow muſty, and unfit for Converſation.

After this Abridgement of ſome Letters which are come to my Hands upon this occaſion, I ſhall publiſh one of them at large.

Mr.

(Price Two-pence.)

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU have given us a lively Picture of that 'kind of Husband who comes under the Denomination of the Henpeck'd; but I do not remember that you have ever touched upon one that is of the quite different Character, and who, in ſeveral Places of *England*, goes by the Name of a Cott-Queen. I have the Misfortune to be joined for Life with one of this Character, who in reality is more a Woman than my ſelf. He was bred up under the Tuition of a Tender Mother, till ſhe had made him as good an Houſewife as her ſelf. He could preſerve Apricots, and make Gellies, before he had been two Years out of the Nurſery. He was never ſuffered to go abroad, for fear of catching Cold; when he ſhould have been hunting down a Buck, he was by his Mother's Side learning how to Seaſon it, or put it in Cruſt; and was making Paper Boats with his Siſters, at an Age when other young Gentlemen are croſſing the Seas, or travelling into Foreign Countries. He has the whiteſt Hand that you ever ſaw in your Life, and raiſes Paſte better than any Woman in *England*. Theſe Qualifications make him a ſad Husband: He is perpetually in the Kitchin, and has a thouſand Squabbles with the Cookmaid. He is better acquainted with the Milk Score, than his Steward's Accounts. I fret to Death when I hear him find fault with a Diſh that is not dreſſed to his liking, and inſtructing his Friends that dine with him in the beſt Pickle for a Wallnut, or Sawce for an Haunch of Veniſon. With all this, he is a very good-natured Husband, and never fell out with me in his Life but once, upon the over-roaſting of a Diſh of Wild Fowl. At the ſame time I muſt own I would rather he was a Man of a rough Temper, that would treat me harſhly ſometimes, than of ſuch an effeminate buſie Nature in a Province that does not belong to him. Since you have given us the Character of a Wife who wears the Breeches, pray ſay ſomething of a Husband that wears the Petticoat. Why ſhould not a Female Character be as ridiculous in a Man, as a Male Character in one of our Sex?

I am, &c.

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